

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee:

I would like to express my opinion regarding Senate Bill 16: An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime.

I am willing to accept some infringement upon my rights granted by the second amendment, a hugely unpopular opinion among most of my gun owning peers. However, I fear this bill will greatly effect legal firearm owners and have minimal, if any, impact on criminals.

It is likely that many Connecticut citizens who own firearms effected by this legislation will be unknowingly made felons. This happened in 2013. It forced citizens, who were unaware of the many complicated nuances of legislation, to destroy legally acquired property or face felony charges because they didn't know they needed to register specific firearms due to certain (often innocuous) features. This new legislation has a high level of potential for this to reoccur.

For this reason, all legislation proposed should be required to be conspicuously published and broadcasted in all forms of media; full page advertisements, worded in plain English, published in all Connecticut based publications, and advertisements run on radio and television also worded in language understandable by the common person. These communications should occur weekly for several months leading up to the public hearing for the legislation and daily for several months leading up to the implementation of new law, if passed.

Criminals disregard law, additional law is unlikely to have any meaningful impact on them. A great number of Connecticut citizens who legally own firearms will be vastly effected. Some citizens will likely be made felons, unwittingly.

Please OPPOSE Senate Bill 16

Please also OPPOSE Raised H.B. No. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

Please SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Please SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Please SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

Thank you for your attention,
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